

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Preliminary Amendment-A the claims in the application are claims 1-15, of which claim 1 is independent.

Prior to the present amendment, no amendments have been made in the International Application PCT/JP03/16361.

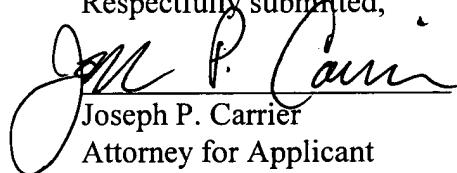
The specification, claims, abstract and drawings are amended to overcome minor informalities therein, the claims are amended to eliminate all multiple dependencies, and reference numbers are deleted in the abstract. Specifically regarding the drawing modifications, again, FIGS. 1(a), 1(b), 3(a)-3(c), 5(a)-5(c), 6(a)-6(c), and 24(a)-24(c) are modified by the addition of separate labels "FIG. (a)", "FIG. (b)", "FIG. 3(a)", "FIG. 3(b)", "FIG. 3(c)", etc.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the above amendments are fully supported by the original application. Applicant also respectfully submits that the above amendments do not introduce any new matter into the application.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

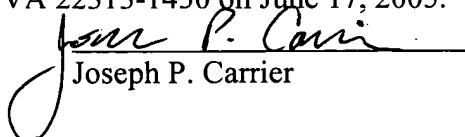
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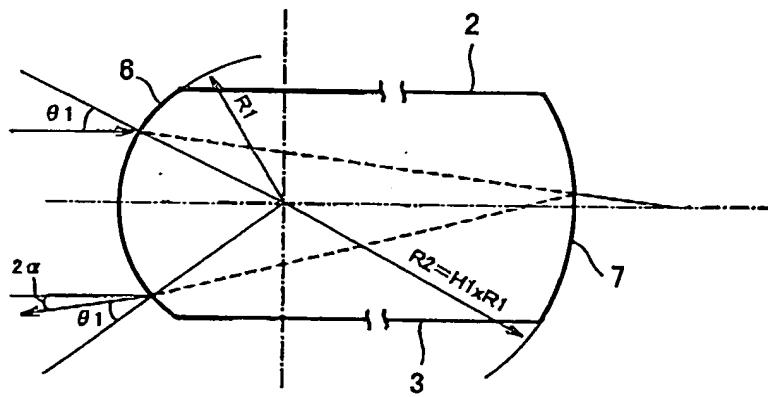


Fig. 1 (a)

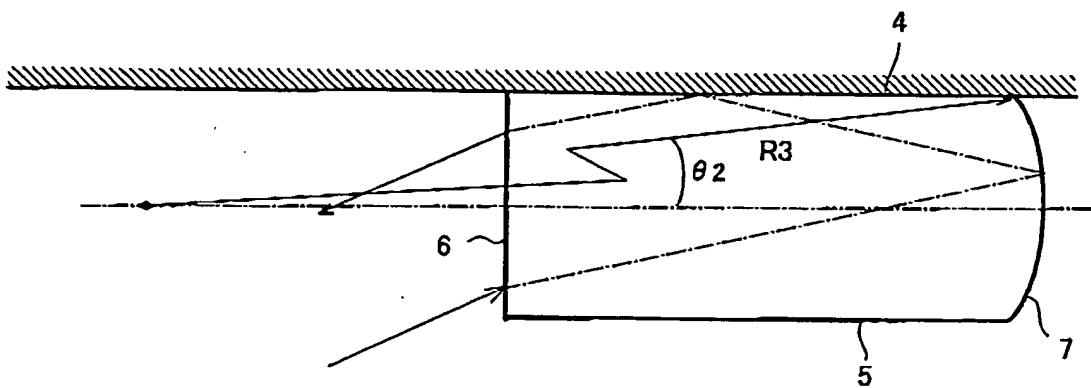


Fig. 1 (b)

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~~FIG. 3~~

Fig. 3 (a)

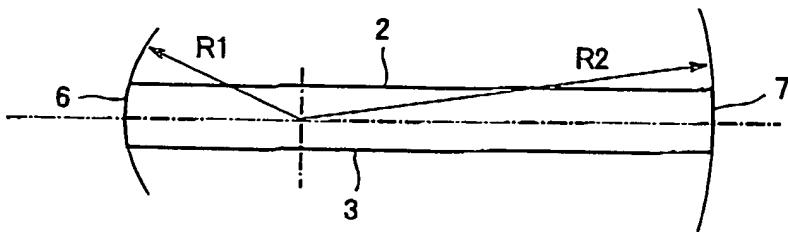


Fig. 3 (b)

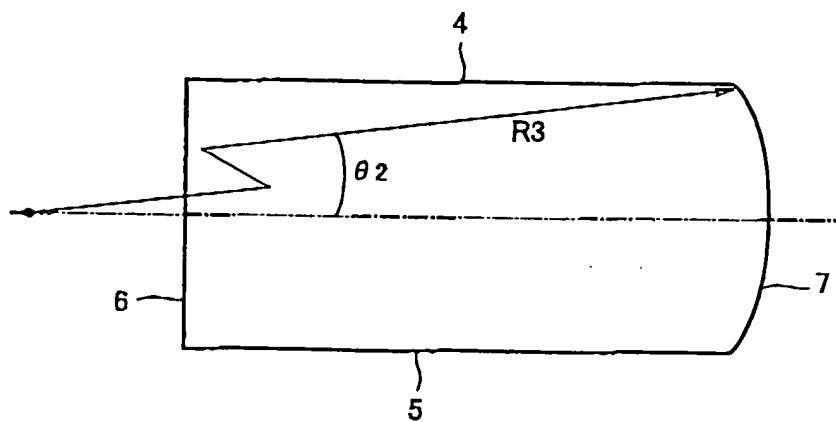
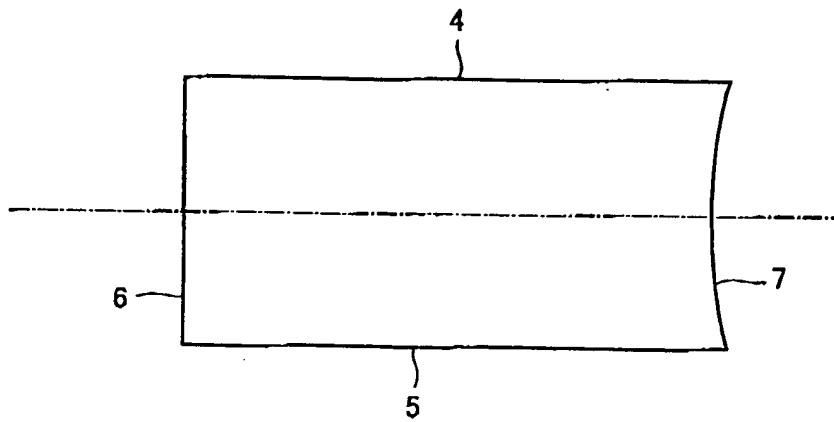


Fig. 3 (c)



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~~FIG 5~~

Fig. 5 (a)

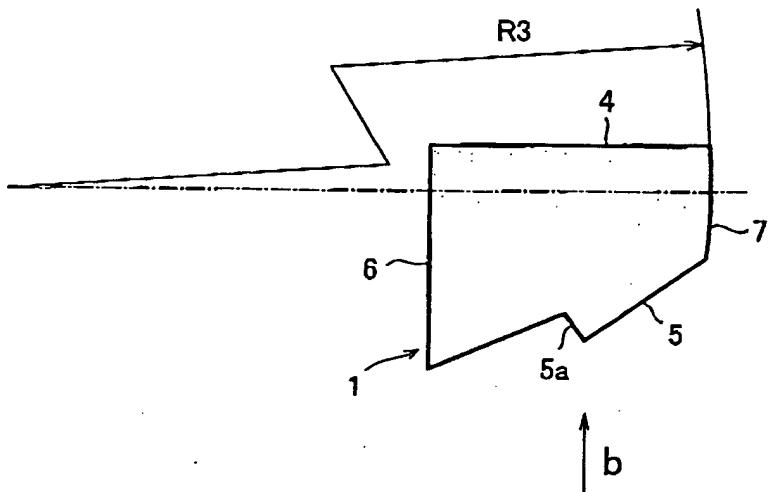


Fig. 5 (b)

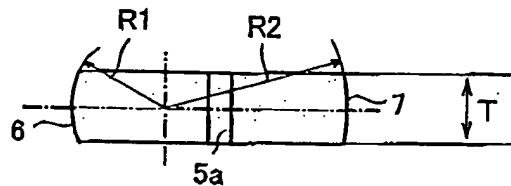
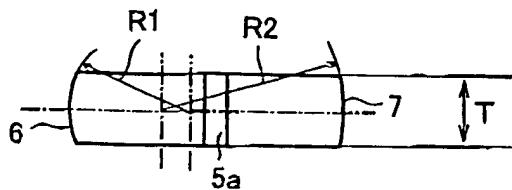


Fig. 5 (c)



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~~FIG. 6~~

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Fig. 6(a)

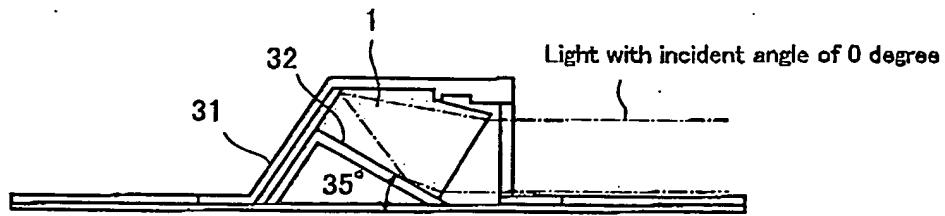


Fig. 6(b)

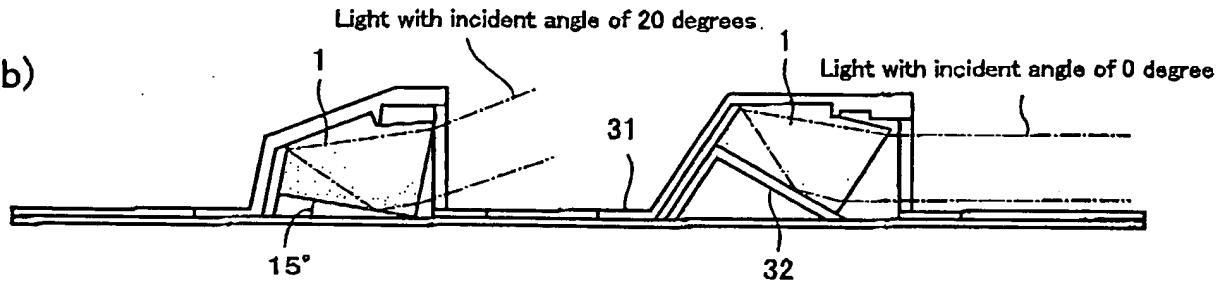
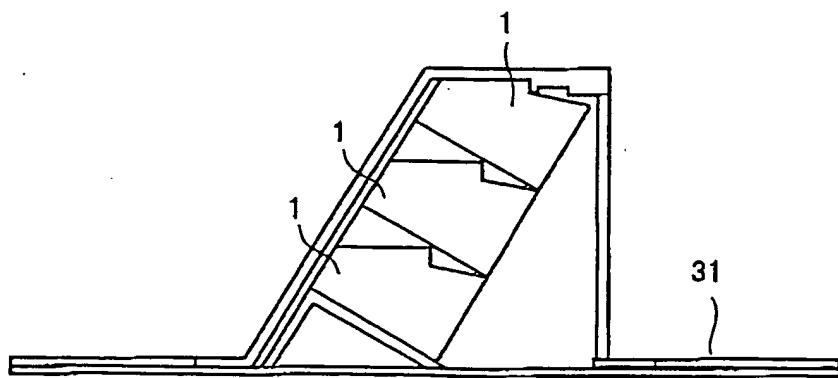
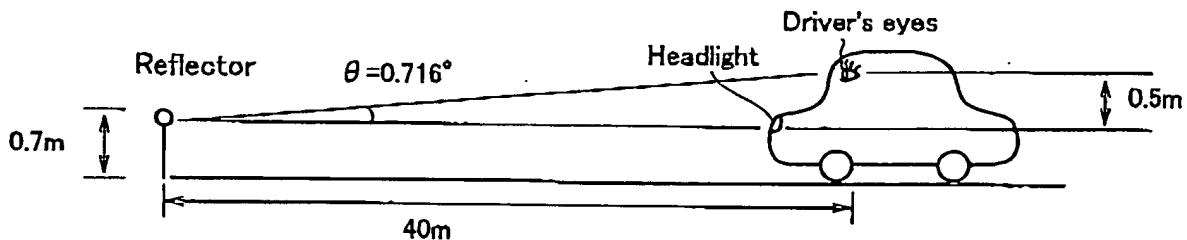


Fig. 6(c)



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FIG. 23



~~FIG. 24~~

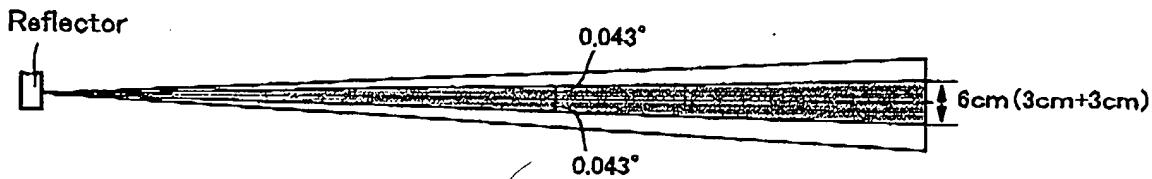


Fig. 24(a)

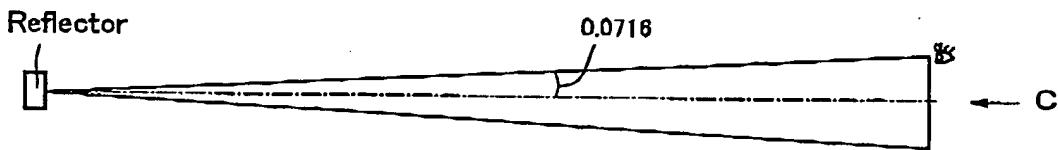


Fig. 24(b)

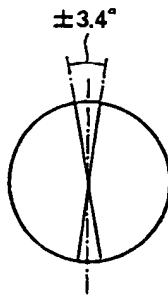


Fig. 24(c)